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Honorable John A. McCone
Chairman, Atomic Energy
Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear John:

On 17 January 1958 I forwarded to the Commission a proposed amendment to section 143 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The object was to obtain authority to eliminate the present technical requirement for unnecessary duplication in investigations for "Q" clearances and to assure the interchange of Restricted Data between personnel of different agencies who had been authorized access to the same Restricted Data material. I expressed the hope that this amendment might be presented to the Congress during the present session in order to avoid needless delay and expense.

I received an acknowledgment from the then Chairman on 7 February 1958 saying the matter had been referred to your Office of General Counsel for discussion with us in the very near future. I have heard nothing further, but I note that authority similar to that proposed by us was given in the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, approved July 29, 1958. I still believe it would be advantageous to obtain the same authority for this Agency during the present session.

I would greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and would be glad to discuss it with you at any time.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Our proposal of 17 January 1958 to amend the Atomic Energy Act so that we could certify for access to Restricted Data without having our people reinvestigated has been acknowledged but never acted on. Informal queries to AEC lawyers produced no results. The new Space Agency was given this authority in the bill that just passed. There are some technical amendments now before the Joint Committee and it would be a good thing if this could be released for consideration this session. The attached letter to Chairman McCone is for this purpose. Recommend signature.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

31 July 1958
(DATE)

General Counsel